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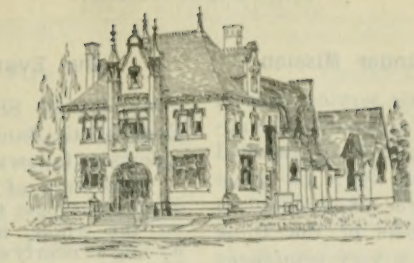

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CONTRIBUTIONS.—Any friends desiring to have fellowship in the work may send their contributions to the Treasurer, J. N. Shenstone, Esq., 40 Walmer Road, Toronto, or to any officer of the School.

## Attendance this Term.

By the blessing of God the Bible Training School continues to prosper. The enrolment of students in the Day Classes up to Feb. 16th is 64, and in the Evening Classes it is 236. Owing to the great interest and enthusiasm awakened by the Torrey-Alexander campaign, the attendance was smaller than usual at the evening lectures during January. This was to be expected, but our numbers have again increased; and we have every reason to believe that good work is being done in all the departments of the School.

### The Torrey-Alexander Mission.

The great evangelistic services held in this city by Messrs. Torrey and Alexander during the month of January resulted in what has probably been the most remarkable revival ever experienced in Canada. The members of the Bible Training School took a very prominent part in connection with the great meetings. Our President, Dr. Harris, rendered important service as chairman of the devotional committee. Some of our young men did a good deal of self-denying work as ushers; some of the young ladies were members of the choir; while others of our students were greatly blessed in leading not a few of the inquirers to put their trust in Christ as their personal Saviour, and thus to enter on the Christian life. Since the special services closed, we have been pleased to welcome several of the recent converts to our Evening Classes, where we trust they will find the study of the Word of God to be helpful to their spiritual growth, and also to be the means of furnishing them unto every good work.

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### Visiting Lecturers.

In December our friend, Rev. T. Bradley Hyde, completed his valuable and much appreciated course of lectures on the "Person and Work of the Holy Spirit." The special lecturer for the present term is Rev. A. Esler, M.A., pastor of Cooke's Church in this city, who is taking as his subject, "Christ and the Old Testament Scriptures," an important and timely theme. Dr. Bowie and Dr. Shore have resumed their medical lectures on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, and Mr. Cringan is again conducting the vocal music class. Dr. Howitt has been spending part of the winter with his family in Nassau, so that the students cannot have the benefit of his instruction this term. A new lecturer is Miss M. A. Baker, who is kindly giving to the students every Friday afternoon a course of useful training in Voice Culture and Elocution.

### Our Evangelistic Band.

Mr A. M. Shannon, leader of the Evangelistic Band for the present term, reports as follows:

"The work of the Evangelistic Band during the past three months has been, on the whole, most encouraging, God having at nearly every service manifested Himself in the saving of one or more persons. To Him be all the praise for having thus blessedly owned our weak and imperfect efforts, and given us an expectant confidence that He will continue to bless our work during the remainder of the session. The Band conducts at least three services every week, but very often we have had to respond to one or more extra calls. On several occasions two meetings have been conducted on the same evening, in which case the Band has divided. In all, some forty meetings have been conducted since last report."

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### Two Deaths.

In the end of November, one of our Day students, Miss Annie Perry, died in the hospital at Port Arthur, after undergoing a serious operation. Gentle in disposition, faithful in her studies, and earnest in her desires to engage in Christian service, she had the fullest confidence and esteem of her instructors, fellow-students and friends, who sympathize with her family in their sore bereavement, and will hold her memory in the highest regard. "To depart and be with Christ is very far better."

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We learn also with deep regret of the recent death in this city of Harry E. Smedley, a student with us for a time in the Evening Classes, who has been called away at the early age of 24. He had spent a year in mission work in Northern Nigeria, where he contracted one of the deadly native diseases, from which he never recovered. He was a young man of great promise, ability and devotion. The bereaved family have our sympathies and prayers.

## Loss by Fire.

We greatly regret to learn that the mission buildings at Bida, Northern Nigeria, West Africa, where our two former students, Mr. Chas. Waddell and Miss A. Schofield, have been laboring, were destroyed by fire in December, and nearly everything belonging to the four missionaries at the station was lost. The fire originated from the burning of corn husks in the vicinity. This is a sore calamity. Help is urgently needed, and we trust that some who read this notice will send an early contribution to Rev. R. V. Bingham, 262 Delaware Avenue, Toronto.

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## Examination Papers.

The following are three of the papers on which the students wrote at the terminal examinations, which were held just before the Christmas holidays:

### I. PETER.

REV. ELMORE HARRIS, D.D.

1. What is the theme of this Epistle and where is it so stated in the book itself?
2. Give a general outline of the Epistle.
3. What passage in Paul's Epistles sums up the main teaching of this letter?
4. Explain the term "strangers" in verse 1.
5. Write a brief note on verse 2, giving only its general significance.
6. Distinguish "grace" and "mercy" in verses 2 and 3.
7. State the significance of "salvation" in the New Testament and illustrate from this letter.
8. Explain the expression "Gird up the loins of your mind" (v. 13), giving some Scripture passages.
9. Enumerate some blessings involved in "the Grace . . . to be brought . . . at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (v. 13).
10. State briefly Peter's thought by the Spirit of the "Methods of Holiness" (v. 14).

### CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES.

REV. JOHN MCNICOL, B.D.

1. Why is the study of Christian Evidences necessary?
2. State briefly the moral argument for the existence of God.
3. Show how man is fitted to receive a further revelation of God than that of nature.
4. How would you reply to the objection against the character of God based on the existence of evil in the world.
5. Give a definition of miracles.
6. Give reasons for believing that the Mosaic account of the origin of the religion of Israel is historically true.
7. The Laws of the Old Testament claim to have been instituted by God through Moses. State briefly the evidence in support of this claim.
8. Mention five of the most prominent miracles in the history of Israel, and point out indications of truth in the accounts.
9. Write a note on the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy in regard to the great nations of the time.
10. How is the treatment of the Canaanites consistent with the character of God?

### MESSIANIC PROPHECIES.

REV. WM. STEWART, D.D.

1. Explain the meaning of prophecy, and of the name "Messiah."
2. What prominence has Messianic teaching in the Old Testament?
3. Show that important New Testament truths are suggested in the prophecy about "the Seed of the woman."
4. Write a note on "the Shiloh prophecy."
5. What is meant by the expression, "the sure mercies of David."
6. Give the meaning of the decree, "Thou art My Son: this day have I begotten Thee."
7. What is meant by Shoshanim, Maschil, Sons of Korah, Song of loves?
8. Write a note on the extent of Messiah's Kingdom as set forth in Psalm 72.
9. Explain "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."
10. What seven-fold gifts of the Spirit were to rest on the Messiah?

## Notes.

We are indebted to our friend, Rev. Dr. Parsons of this city, for the recent gift of ten useful volumes to our library.

It is expected that the closing exercises of the present—which is the twelfth—session of the School, will take place on Friday, April 27th.

The next students' public meeting has been appointed for Monday evening, March 5th. An interesting programme has been arranged.

Our former students, Pastor J. S. Leckie, of Brighton, and Pastor J. Desson, of Norwood, have been greatly blessed in recent evangelistic labors.

Miss Annie Clare, who was for a time a member of the Day Classes, has been recently appointed to Mission work among the Indian children of the North-West.

The meetings of the mission bands in the Day and Evening classes are well attended, and the officers are kept busy replying to invitations to outside appointments.

At the Torrey-Alexander meetings one of our experienced students had conversation with 38 inquirers, who definitely professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Among the most earnest and faithful workers in the Torrey-Alexander Mission was our former student, Miss M. G. Mitchell, who came to the city for a month to take part in the work.

Miss Etta J. Fletcher, a graduate of the School in 1903, has received an appointment as Field Secretary of the Baptist Women's Foreign Mission Society of Michigan. We wish her all success in this important service.

The School is represented at the great Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville, Tenn., by President Harris, and also by Mr. H. L. Troyer, Miss L. Armstrong and Miss J. Dale of the Day classes.

President Harris has been recently taking part in two Bible Conferences in Florida; and on his return north he attended the great Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville, Tenn., where he was to preside over the section of Bible study in Training Schools and Colleges.

We regret to announce that our friend, Mrs. S. T. V. Mason, who has been so much esteemed and beloved during the years of her connection with the School, has been suffering a good deal lately from the malady under which she is afflicted. In the midst of pain and suffering, however, she is rejoicing in Christ her Saviour.

A very pleasing incident occurred just before the close of the fall term, when the three permanent instructors of the School received each an address and suitable presentation from the students. Miss Burns, our faithful helper in the office work, was similarly remembered. All made thankful acknowledgement of these kind tokens of appreciation from the students.

The various Missionary Societies and Bands of the School have recently been amalgamated into one large society. At the meeting for organization the following officers were elected: Hon. Presidents, the Instructors of the School, Dr. Elmore Harris, Rev. Wm. Stewart, D.D., and Rev. John McNicol, B.D.; President, H. L. Troyer; Vice-President, Miss L. Shephard; Recording Secretary, Miss L. Armstrong; Corresponding Secretary, Miss M. Goforth; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Miss M. Fraser; Treasurer, Miss M. G. Lesslie.

## Receipts for General Fund.

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